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Attorney Docket No.: 002818/PDD/PSI/JW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2813
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Suketu A. Parikh) Examiner: Pham, T.
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Serial No.: 09/244,788)
Confirmation No.: 4159) Petition For Extension Of Time
Filed: 2/5/99)
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For: Dual Damascene Misalignment)
Tolerant Techniques For Vias And)
Sacrificial Etch Segments)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This is a petition for an extension of the time for three (3) month(s) to extend the time to respond to the Office Action mailed on 10/9/02 from the shortened statutory period for response of 11/9/02 to 2/9/03.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested, is enclosed herewith. The enclosed response includes a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request in response to the 10/09/02 Notification of Non-Compliance of the 8/5/02 Appeal Brief.

Fee Statement

- X Extension Fee \$930.00
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$930.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1074
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1074. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

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Extended Period For Response

Based on the extension requested in this petition, the extended period of response will expire on 2/9/03.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Please address all correspondence to:

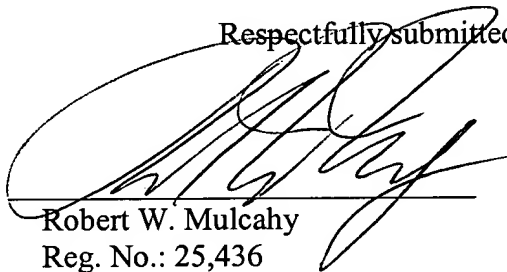
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1/27/03

Respectfully submitted,

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